

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS  
SET FOR MONDAY, THE 5TH MARCH, 2007\***

**Decrease in the number of classrooms**

**\*81. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:  
SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:**

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of classrooms in Government primary schools has been decreasing in recent years in certain States and Union Territories; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH):** (a) and (b) As per District Information System of Education (DISE) the average number of classrooms per Government primary school has remained constant at an average of 2.4 during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 nationally. In the States/UTs of Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Jharkhand, Kerala, M.P. and Meghalaya a marginal decrease is shown due to the time taken in constructing of a new primary school after its notification. This leads to an increase in the number of primary schools, without a corresponding rise in the number of classrooms, in annual statistics.

**Literacy among Muslim families**

**†\*82. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such Muslim families in the country in which no family member is literate;

(b) whether any survey etc. has been done in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

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\* The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Monday, the 5th March, 2007 was cancelled. Answers to Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, the 6th March, 2007.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.